

In re Patent Application of:
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REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the present application. The independent claims have been amended to include allowable subject matter to place the application in condition for allowance.

In particular, independent Claim 12 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 18 and intervening Claims 14 and 17; independent Claim 20 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 26 and intervening Claims 22 and 25; and independent Claim 32 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 38 and intervening Claims 34 and 37.

The intervening claims have been cancelled. In addition, Claims 27-31 have been cancelled. In view of the claim amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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